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The Evening World Prints Associated Press News.

Gen. Weaver thinks his canvass has not reached his expectations.

The new combine of music publishers should not turn itself into a scaly monopoly.

Gen. JOHN POPE is dead. A veteran of two wars. His name will not die while there is a history of his country.

Two to one is always pretty good odds, but when the New Yorks made it 2 to 0 yesterday the Bostonians were plainly not in it.

HANS BRATTIN's novel, "Joshua Wray," is said to be the finest work of fiction ever produced by the Street-Cleaning Department of this city.

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Instead of trying to make postmasters vehicles for the sale of his books, Mr. WAMAKER would do the country a service by posting warnings against greenbacks in the various branches of his department.

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nonagenarians. The "three-score years and ten" limit is being widely disregarded in a great many quarters.

## THE LUDLOW STREET DISASTER.

If the building laws of the State had been strictly enforced in this city yesterday's fatal crash in a Ludlow street hotel would have been averted. The massing of such a body of people in an ill-contrived assembly-room, from which exit would have been difficult enough even without the confusion of a time of panic, was the presentation of an open invitation to disaster. It should not have been permitted. Those responsible for it, whether private individuals or officials of the city Building Department, or both, should be made to feel the weight of a heavy penalty.

Such a form of disaster is not new. It is so painfully old that the lessons it always brings ought to have long ago insured the steps necessary to make it of exceedingly rare appearance. Don't let this latest warning be lost with the others.

## A THIRD PARTY DEFEAT.

Gen. WEAVER, the candidate of the People's party for the Presidency, and his companion, Mrs. LEASE, the strong-voiced female spellbinder of Kansas, have abandoned their attempt to stump the State of Georgia in the interest of the third party.

Gen. WEAVER bases his refusal to continue on the ground that the authorities will not protect him from the organized roystering of the disorderly classes in the cities, but he probably has a better reason.

He says "the members of our party, although apparently largely in the majority in the State, are unable to secure for us a peaceful and respectful hearing."

This is absurd on the face of it. The truth of the matter is that Georgia is, evidently, not educated up to the political ideas represented by Gen. WEAVER and Mrs. LEASE, and the candidate wisely retires from a field which he knows to be hopeless.

## STAGE-STROK MONTANA

What's the matter with Montana that she has to go to the stage for a model for her statue of "Justice"?

In the rock-ribbed, silver-lined State stage struck? Has she no lovely young mothers, no brave sisters, no beautiful daughters, no buds of womanhood, no American girls whose mothers and grandmothers were American girls to pose for that sterling statue?

Montana is a young thing and she is rash.

It is her silver and her statue, however, and she has a perfect right to choose any girl she likes for the model, but there are 20,000 other girls who are not behind the scenes, and who will have several things to say on the subject. Some of these far-seeing, deep-thinking girls are Daughters of the Revolution, and they are wondering whatever ails their rough, rich sisters out West. There are bright, sweet, strong girls there in the college districts of New England who have taken Sargent prizes for muscular development who will be perfectly amazed at the choice of Montana; and then there are the delicious gun-chasers of Vassar, now celebrating their twenty-eighth annual; the girls in Wellesley, who punt and pull stroke out; the Smith College girls, who keep their laundry lists in Greek and put on the gloves three times a week; and last, but not least, the Pratt Institute girls over the bridge, domestic to the backbone, not one of whom will be able to account for the choice.

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instead of into the water. This method is a vast improvement on the New York State law, which would have sent the girl to jail after her first leap.

Opponents of the new navy will not fail to seize the opportunity for argument afforded by the gun bursting on the Philadelphia. They will point to the awfulness of that war spirit which, when there is no enemy to blow out of water, brings about a close shave in the matter of blowing up one's own ship.

The importation of DAVE MARTIN by the Republican campaign managers was a blunder that far surpasses the selection of Brown as spokesman on a former memorable occasion. If his employers want to keep him here no Democrat need be sorry. He is dangerous only to the party he works for.

Miss ANNECHIST GOLDMAN, going to Baltimore to get up sympathy for BERKMAN, successfully succeeded in getting another anarchist into jail. Brothers of the violent fraternity will presently become somewhat sceptical regarding Miss GOLDMAN's usefulness to the order.

Chairman HACKETT, of the Republican State Executive Committee, is hunting by circular for good Republicans who can "keep a secret." Is DRUCKER's daylight search with a lantern for an honest man paralleled at last in New York politics?

## WHERE IS COMMISSIONER PECK?

He Has Given Up His Room in Taylor's Hotel, Jersey City.

At Taylor's Hotel, in Jersey City, where Commissioner PECK is said to have been staying since Tuesday under the name of Charles Fletcher, it was said this morning that he had given up his room and left the hotel yesterday.

On the register were the names of Charles Fletcher and M. J. Brunsenger, of New York. They came there together last Wednesday evening and were both assigned to room 212.

The clerk of the hotel told an Express woman reporter this morning that he did not know that Fletcher was really Commissioner Charles P. Peck, of Albany.

He was recognized by Commissioner Zimmerman, of New Jersey, and several others who saw him at the hotel. It is believed that Mr. Peck returned to Albany last night, a though no one could be found at the hotel last morning who knew his destination after he left Jersey City.

## MR. RIDGWAY'S SUCCESSOR.

It Is Said There Will Be a New District-Attorney in Kings.

The District-Attorney of Kings County is one of the most desirable places to be filled this Fall, and it is hinted that a new man will fill it. Up to a few days ago it was conceded that the present District-Attorney, Mr. Ridgway, could have the nomination if he desired it, but now comes a different story.

It is said that Mr. Ridgway is a little bit too independent to suit Leader McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin refuses to talk, saying he will not interfere.

The Democrats of Parkville will hold a big ratification meeting on Lawrence street to-night. There will be red fire, music and many speakers, and the speakers will include Mr. McLaughlin and Andrew McLean, who will deliver the principal address.

## COAL HIGHER IN CHICAGO.

Reading Combine to Raise the Price 25 Cents a Ton.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Coal will probably advance in price on Oct. 1. Local dealers assert on good authority that the Reading combine has decided to advance prices 25 cents on the ton. This will make the cost on the docks \$6.50 and raise the retail price to \$7.00. Consumers are buying heavily of soft coal, and demand is increasing as the price of anthracite is raised.

Big Land and Canal Company. DENVER, Sept. 24.—The American Land and Canal Company, with a capital stock of \$2,000,000, has been formed by the consolidation of a number of big concerns. It will have branch offices in New York, London, Amsterdam, Berlin and other places. The capital stock may be increased to \$10,000,000 and the directors choose. Stephen W. Dorsey is at its head.

## WORLDLINGS.

Scientists have discovered that the memory is stronger in summer than in winter. Among the worst foes of the memory are too much food, too much physical exercise, and, strangely enough, too much sleep.

One dead body has been found that is 10,000 feet deeper than the highest mountain, Mount Everest, is high.

The members of the Pettijohn family, of whom there are ten, and who live in Walla Walla County, Wash., are 64 feet tall on an average and have an average weight of 300 pounds.

A statistician has figured it out that the amount of salt in the water of the ocean would, if dried, cover the surface of the earth to a depth of 1,500 feet.

The first telephone exchange was established in London in 1879.

## VAGRANT VERSES.

Consolation.  
He sent her back her letter  
And the girl had had a letter  
And she was here no more.

Her letters fell off the packet  
And she cried then right away  
When she found those letters  
She had sent him Christmas Day.

A Cynic's Creed.  
Thou shalt love's love's love  
Thou shalt love's love's love  
Thou shalt love's love's love  
Thou shalt love's love's love.

The Changeable Sex.  
Thou shalt love's love's love  
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Oligawallas Recind Resolutions.  
To all Oligawallas  
Members of the Oligawallas Club  
met on Labor day and adopted and subsequently published resolutions  
The Tammany Committee and Pequot Club  
of the Thirteenth District, who they charged  
with trying to disrupt the Club by offers  
of patronage, with a view to absorbing it.

As most of the Oligawallas are Democrats  
and many belong to Tammany, indignation  
followed at the regular meeting last evening  
when the objectionable resolutions were re-  
voked by a two-thirds vote and others  
were adopted, denying that Tammany or the  
Pequot Club ever tried to influence the  
club; revoking the charges in toto contained  
in said resolutions; denying responsibility  
for authorship of same, and declaring the  
Oligawallas "not to be distinctively a social  
club and hence not opposed to nor in favor  
of any political party."

A. S. S., acting for the Club.  
New York, Sept. 25.

## LONDON MANAGERS ARE GLAD.

Signs that They May Recoup Last Season's Losses.

Mrs. Langtry Still Succeeds—The Maybrick Case Staged.

LONDON, Sept. 23.—From the present indications managers will have an opportunity during the present season to recoup the losses they sustained last season, which was rendered unsuccessful in a pecuniary sense by the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and the consequent period of mourning, which put an end to theatre-going altogether. Since the beginning of the month, when theatres began to reopen, business has been unusually good at almost all the places of amusement.

At the Drury Lane Theatre, where the "Prodigal Daughter," the joint work of Mr. Augustus Harris and Mr. Henry Pettitt, is being presented, there has been an enormous attendance. The play is a sporting drama and has been described as "realism at its last gasp."

In the third act of the "Prodigal Daughter" there is given a most realistic presentation of a race course. This course is, as far as possible, an exact reproduction of the one at Liverpool, on which the Grand National Steeplechase is run. Twelve horses appear in a race in this act, and one of them, of course the winner, is Voluntary, who did actually win the Grand National in 1884.

Great interest is manifested in the reopening of the Lyceum Theatre to-night, when Mr. Irving will again appear in "The Belshazzar," which will be presented for six nights, when "King Henry VIII." will again be put on. The recent reports concerning the ill-health of Miss Terry are greatly exaggerated. She will appear on Oct. 1 in her old part of Queen Katherine in "King Henry VIII," while Mr. Irving will play Cardinal Wolsey.

There are also reports to-night with "Haddon Hall," Sullivan and Grundy's much-talked-of new opera.

The onslaught of the critics upon Mrs. Langtry's new play "The Queen of Manoa," now being played at the Haymarket Theatre, has no effect upon the bookings. The house is filled every night and the desire to see the play has justified Mrs. Langtry in announcing a matinee.

Should misfortune even yet overtake Mrs. Langtry in this venture, she has two more plays in reserve. One is a drama written by Edward Hoar and the other Mr. Sydney Grundy's adaptation of Sardou's "Maison Neuve."

"Wanda" has contributed an article to the series being printed in the *Pall Mall Gazette* on the subject of why novelists do not write plays. She says that if Racine and Moliere were alive they would write plays for Mount St. Vincent and Co. They would certainly write poems and novels. An audience capable of appreciating the merits of a play as a play is incapable of knowing good from bad. English audiences are uncultured. With few exceptions English actors and actresses act ill. They never merge themselves into the character they represent. These, according to Racine, are the reasons that have kept the English stage so far from the English stage since the days of Lytton.

Considerable excitement has been caused in Liverpool by the production of a play called "A Fool's Paradise," owing to the fact that the plot has a striking resemblance to incidents in the case of Mrs. Maybrick.

"Alas Crank," a well-known amateur actor, who is better known as the tragic actor of Ellen Terry, will soon bloom out as a professional, who will shortly appear in a new play that is to be produced at the St. James's Theatre.

"Cigarette," Mr. Lloyd Parry's new comic opera, which is now being presented at the Lyric Theatre, will be transferred to the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane, when Mrs. Cressida Timmer will join the company.

George Edwards will open the Prince of Wales Theatre with Osman Carr's comedy sketch. Arthur Roberts, Florence St. John, Philip Broughton, Sylvia Grey and probably Brandon Thomas will appear in the cast.

Humor having had its time, humor was to be the principal girl in the Gaitey, and that rumor having been denied, it is now said that she will appear as principal girl in "The Forty Thieves" at the Grand Theatre, Tillington.

Mr. Willard, who is to make a tour of the United States, sailed for that country on Wednesday.

Injudicious friends are prejudicing any chance that Miss Sedor Rhodes may have by their overdone advance puffing. She makes her debut in London at the Lyric Theatre on Oct. 1, when she will play the leading role in a new opera. According to the English papers, she was born in Waukegan, Ill., and was educated in Chicago, but lived and was educated in New York City until she was sixteen years of age, when she went to Paris to study singing.

Her father, Mr. Travis Rhodes, was an Englishman by birth; her mother is an American lady. The name "Sedor," although "rhymed" spelled backward, is as is generally imagined, an adopted name that she has taken alone—a fact due to the whim on the part of her father, who determined to bestow that peculiar appellation upon his first-born child of whatever sex it should prove to be.

Miss Lachere, who is engaged to appear at the New York Casino during the coming season, has created such a furor by her "high kicking" at the Apollo Theatre in Berlin that the not over-zealous police forbade further performances, and ordered her to leave the city. The result of her appearance in New York is awaited here with much interest.

Miss Lott Fuller, who has made such a success in her serpentine dance in Berlin, has, it is said, accepted a long engagement at the Munich Court Theatre.

His Questions.  
(From the New York Weekly.)  
Little Clarence—Pa, if a man from Portugal is a Portuguese, is his little boy a Portuguese?

Mr. Bosanko—It will be your best time in fifteen minutes to answer that question.

Clarence—May I ask one more question, Pa?

Mr. Bosanko—It is not a foolish one, Clarence—Well, Pa, why doesn't Wednesday come Saturday?

Mr. Bosanko—Go to bed NOW!

A Wise Dog.  
(From the New York Weekly.)  
Citizen—Why are you trying to shoot that dog?

Policeman—He's mad.  
"How do you know he's mad?"  
"Cried water."

"Yes."  
"No!" That's no sign.

Liked Politician.  
(From the New York Weekly.)  
Boutwell—What a rank politician Mr. Voseott is!

Upton—I should say so. He goes to Mrs. Dr. Livingston's church every Sunday.

## THE SICK BABIES' FUND.

Little Defenders and Others Increase It to \$15,174.80.

Little Defenders sent \$8.28 for the Sick Babies' Fund during the past week, and yesterday \$9.25 was received from other sources. This adds \$17,535 to the Fund, making the total \$15,174.80. Contributions as follows: Previously acknowledged, \$15,156.52

Little Defenders..... 8.28  
Phoebe K. and Emma A. Hopper..... 3.50  
Fair at Miss M. O'Brien's..... 3.00  
May Hunt and others..... 2.50  
A. Jay Hensel, Lake Matilda, Ill..... 2.50  
Phoebe K. and Emma A. Hopper held a fair at their home, 324 West Seventeenth Street, and realized \$3.50.

May Hunt, Annie Finlay, Fredie Heer and Max Hunt, all of 244 East Fifty-ninth Street, collected the \$2.50 which they sent in.

The Committee in charge of the entertainment at Miss O'Brien's 215 West Fifty-first Street, consisted of Anna C. Dougherty, Annie O'Brien and Libbie V. Dougherty. The proceeds were \$3 and this was the program:

Recitation—"We Meet To-night," Anna C. Dougherty; selections from "Wanderer" by a number of girls; tableaux, "Good Morning," "Huckleberry" and Anna Dougherty; recitation, "Sheridan's Ride," Mamie O'Brien; selections from the "Sultan of Sulkidom," Libbie V. Dougherty; selections from "Columbus," Libbie V. Dougherty.

Recitation—"A Fair," Mamie O'Brien; recitation—"The Blue Arrow," a number of girls; "The Blue Arrow," a number of girls; tableaux, "Good Night," a number of girls; tableaux, "Good Night," a number of girls.

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## Embroidered Bed Spreads.

Some of the handsomest specimens of embroidery shown recently by the Chicago Society of Decorative Art were prettily rendered designs for bed coverings. All the illustrations in these columns were taken from the work of the Chicago Society and are taken from the *Ladies' Home Journal*. According to the usual custom in these societies, orders are executed on the premises by regularly employed embroideresses, and the bulk of the work on exhibition is offered for sale on a 10 per cent. commission, work being also taken from contributors living in all parts of the

20 and 25 years of age is rather under 10 per 1,000, bachelors of that age die at the rate of 10 and widowers at the rate of 19 per 1,000. These figures apply to the whole of France, while, taking Paris, it appears that the rate for men between 20 and 25